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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,812,727 to KANAZAWA et al., which issued on September 22, 1998;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 5-6564, which published on January 14, 1993, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 6-94947, which published on April 8, 1994, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 3-197909, which published on August 29, 1991, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 5-107428, which published on April

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30, 1993, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2001-305382, which published on October 31, 2001, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2000-46554, which published on February 18, 2000, along with an english language translation thereof; and

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2002-286977, which published on October 3, 2002, along with an english language translation thereof.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the Examiner's attention to the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

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U.S. Application No. 10/699,669 to M. FUSHIMI et al., filed on November 4, 2003,
entitled "Optical Fiber and Method for Producing the Same"; and

U.S. Application No. 10/701,625 to M. FUSHIMI et al., filed on November 6, 2003,
entitled "Optical Communication Device".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned
applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file
wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the
references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the
undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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